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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 20 to 26 July 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraq airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

20 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 2 sorties, flown at a speed of 700 km/h and at an altitude of 8,000 m, centred on Jalibah and Busayyah.

21 July 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 21 July 1993.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Salman, Artawi, Basra and Busayyah.

22 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Artawi, Jalibah, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Lasaf and Qal'at Salih.

23 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

- At 1320 hours on 23 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah and the area south of Diwaniyah at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. It departed at 1530 hours, proceeding from the Busayyah area in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

24 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, the area south of Diwaniyah, Jalibah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

25 July 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 25 July 1993.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, Artawi, Lasaf and Ushbayjah.

26 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,500 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1258 hours on 26 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying Qurnah, Basra, Nasiriyah, the area south of Diwaniyah, Qal'at Salih, the area south of Najaf and Samawah. It departed at 1505 hours, proceeding from the Ansab area in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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